THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Allotment of funds is not made talukwise but for the Project as a whole. The allotment under works for 1954–55 is Rupees 1,95,050 and the expenditure from April to December 1954 is Rs. 2,12,793 for the Lower Bhavani Project.

" (c) Supervisors—15.

Assistant Engineers—2.

" (d) No jeeps have been provided solely for these officers.

" (e) Rs. 8,709-10-0.

" (f) Rs. 26,291-11-0."

Land Colonization Scheme

* 1746 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount allotted for the starting of land colony societies under the Land Colonization Scheme in the State;

(b) the number of societies so far started; and

(c) whether any proposal is pending with the Government in regard to the starting of a society in Durai Nelvey village near Gummidipundi village in Ponneri taluk under this scheme?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Land Colonization Schemes for civilians were first introduced in the year 1941. Figures relating to the amounts allotted for starting these schemes since 1941 are not available. In 1954–55 a sum of Rs. 23,600 was allotted as loans and Rs. 12,200 as free grants for starting two societies. No provision has been made in the Budget Estimate for 1955–56 for Land Colonization Scheme for civlians.

" (b) Since 1941, 26 societies have ben started in this State for civilians.

" (c) A proposal to organize a Land Colonization Society for Yenadis at Doranallur and Chinnambedu villages in Ponneri taluk is under investigation by the Deputy Registrar, Tiruvallur."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" If the people in a particular area come forward to start these land colonizaton schemes, will the Government come forward to assist them. If so, what kind of assistnce the Government will give them?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Each case will be investigated. The Government give help in various forms."